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for Improving Red Mud Clarification

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Sir:

Please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, please insert the following paragraph at the beginning of the application before the
"BACKGROUND OF INVENTION".

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims the priority of the Australian patent application Serial No: PP 3704
entitled "DEXTRAN STARCH AND FLOCCULANT COMBINATION FOR IMPROVING RED MUD
CLARIFICATION" filed on 25 MAY 1998.

REMARKS

Please amend the above identified application by inserting priority information as set forth above.

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